

James Lindley Wilson
Curriculum Vitae

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APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Chicago, IL. Assistant Professor of Political Science and the College.
July 2015 to present.

* Franke Institute Fellowship in the Humanities, University of Chicago, 2019-2020

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Chicago, IL. Collegiate Assistant Professor in the Social Sciences and
Harper Fellow in the Society of Fellows, September 2011 – June 2015.

EDUCATION

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, Princeton, N.J.; Ph.D., Politics, 2011; M.A., 2005.

YALE LAW SCHOOL, New Haven, Conn.: J.D., June 2007

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Cambridge, Mass.: A.B., *summa cum laude* in Social Studies, June 2002

RESEARCH

Book: *Democratic Equality* (Princeton University Press, 2019).

*Honorable mention, Order of the Coif Book Award for “outstanding publications that evidence creative talent of the highest order” in legal studies and related fields.

Reviewed in *Political Theory*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *American Political Thought*, *Review of Politics*, *International Social Science Review*, *Choice* (“highly recommended”); to be reviewed in *Journal of Moral Philosophy*.

Published Articles (Copies or abstracts available upon request)

“Making the All-Affected Principle Safe for Democracy.” *Philosophy & Public Affairs* 50 (2022): 169-201.

“Constitutional Majoritarianism against Popular ‘Regulation’ in the *Federalist*.” *Political Theory* (Online first, 2021).

“An Autonomy-Based Argument for Democracy.” *Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy* vol. 7 (2021): 194-226.

*finalist, Marc Sanders Prize in Political Philosophy for paper by a junior scholar

Review of Frederick Wilmot-Smith, *Equal Justice: Fair Legal Systems in an Unfair World*. *Mind* 130 (2021): 1049-57.

“The Liberal Populism of Shmuel Nili’s *The People’s Duty*.” *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* 24 (2021): 616-21.

Published Articles (continued)

“Deliberation, Democracy, and the Rule of Reason in Aristotle’s *Politics*.” *American Political Science Review* 105 (2011): 259-74.

“Does Kant Justify Liberal Intervention?” *Review of Politics* 73 (2011): 633-47 (with Jonathan Monten).

“Getting Personal with Citizens and Criminals: Comments on *Democratic Rights* and Punishment.” *Representation* 47 (2011): 39-49.

Review of Alan Thomas, *Republic of Equals: Predistribution and Property-Owning Democracy* (Oxford, 2016). *Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews*, July 17, 2017 (not peer-reviewed).

“The Declaration of Independence Isn’t Egalitarian Enough.” Invited contribution to an online symposium on Danielle Allen’s *Our Declaration* (Liveright, 2014) at the blog *Crooked Timber*, June 2015 (not peer-reviewed).

Working Papers (Abstracts or drafts available on request.)

“Social Equality against Regime Instrumentalism.”

“Political Equality and Geographic Constituency.”

“Democratic Erosion, Resistance, and Legitimacy.”

“The Polemical Structure of Reparations Arguments.”

Research Interests

Democratic theory and egalitarianism; constitutionalism; global political justice; racial justice; the history of political philosophy, particularly democratic thought; constitutional law; election law.

Presentations

(Invited) Commentary on Tracey Meares, **NOMOS/American Society for Political and Legal Philosophy Annual Meeting, Harvard Safra Center for Ethics**, September 2022.

(Invited) “Democratic Erosion, Resistance, and Legitimacy.” **NYU Political Philosophy Workshop**, April 2022, originally invited April 2020; **University of Richmond “Ethics of Choice” Workshop**, February 2022; **Harvard Safra Center for Ethics Workshop**, October 2021; **Oxford Blavatnik School of Government “Priority in Practice” Workshop**, June 2020.

(Invited) “Democracy and Social Equality.” **Rosenbloom Symposium, University of Colorado, Boulder**, October 2021.

(Invited) “The Priority of Democracy.” **Academy Assembly, U.S. Air Force Academy**, October 2021.

(Invited) “Social Equality against Regime Instrumentalism.” **Princeton Workshop on Social Equality**, May 2021; **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Chicago, April 2016.

Presentations (continued)

(Invited) “Making the All-Affected Principle Safe for Democracy.” **Berkeley Workshop in Law, Philosophy, and Political Theory**, March 2021; **University of California, San Diego Political Theory Workshop**, November 2020; **University College London Legal and Political Theory Seminar**, October 2020; **Northwestern University Global Theory Workshop**, January 2018; **Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, April 2017.

(Invited) “Political Equality and Geographic Constituency.” **MANCEPT Workshop, University of Manchester**, September 2020.

(Invited) “An Autonomy-Based Argument for Democracy.” **Yale Political Theory Workshop**, September 2019. (Selected) **Oxford Studies in Political Philosophy Workshop**, Syracuse University, August 2019. “**American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Philadelphia, September 2016.

(Invited) “Equality in Democracy.” **Yale-National University of Singapore**, August 2019.

Invited Participant, **BYU Conference on Political Philosophy**, March 2019

Invited Discussant, **Dartmouth Moral and Political Philosophy Workshop**, November 2018.

(Invited) “Oligarchic Threats to Political Equality: An Analysis and the Case for Reform.” **UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs**, May 2018.

Invited Discussant, Panel on Abraham Singer’s *The Form of the Firm*, **Loyola University of Chicago Quinlan School of Business**, January 2018.

(Invited) “Political Equality Does Not Require Proportional Representation.” **University of East Anglia Political Science Workshop**, Norwich, U.K., October 2017.

“A Social-Egalitarian Argument for Democracy.” **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Boston, September 2018.

Discussant and Chair, “Deliberation and Decision-Making” panel. **Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Vancouver, April 2017.

“The Importance of an Equal Status Ideal in Arguing for Equality.” **Association for Social and Political Philosophy Annual Meeting**, London, June 2016.

(Invited) “Finding Time for Democracy: A Theory of Political Equality.” **University of Chicago Political Science Department**, December 2014; **Columbia University Political Science Department**, November 2014; **Harvard University Government Department**, November 2013; **University College London Political Science Department**, February 2012.

(Invited) “Majority Rule and the *Federalist Papers*: Democracy, Equality, and Constitutionalism.” **Yale Center for the Study of Representative Institutions, Yale University**, June 2012; **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Chicago, April 2013.

Invited Panel Chair and Participant, “Utopia: Promise or Peril?” Conference, **Bowling Green State University Philosophy Department**, April 2014.

Presentations (continued)

“Democratic Theory in a Racially Unjust Reality,” **Weissbourd Conference, University of Chicago**, May 2015; **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Washington, D.C., August 2014.

“Political Equality and Fair Aggregation Procedures.” **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Chicago, April 2014; **University of Chicago Society of Fellows Workshop**, Chicago, February 2013.

Discussant and Chair, “Immigration and Justice” panel. **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Chicago, April 2013

“Rejecting the Favoritism of the Few: Political Equality and the Regulation of Democratic Processes.” **University of Chicago Society of Fellows Annual Symposium**, Chicago, October 2013; **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Chicago, August 2013.

Discussant and Chair, “Global Justice” panel. **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Chicago, April 2013.

“Democracy and Equality of Political Status.” **University of Chicago Political Theory Workshop**, Chicago, December 2012; **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, New Orleans, August 2012. (On program and paper circulated; meeting canceled); **University of Chicago Society of Fellows Workshop**, Chicago, March 2012.

“A Theory of Fair Democratic Deliberation.” **University of Chicago Society of Fellows Annual Symposium**, Chicago, October 2012; **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Washington, D.C., September 2010.

“Finding Time for Democracy: A Theory of Political Equality” **University of Chicago Society of Fellows Annual Symposium**, Chicago, September 2011; **American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**, Toronto, September 2009.

TEACHING

Courses Taught

Introduction to Political Theory; Democracy and Equality; Racial Justice and Injustice; Freedom, Justice, and Legitimacy; Global Justice and the Politics of Empire; Contemporary Egalitarianism; The Ethics of War; John Rawls’ Theory of Justice; Classics of Social and Political Thought I-III.

Ph.D. Advising

Jay Cost, “One Great American System: Madison, Hamilton, and the Problem of Republican Nationalism” (committee member) (completed)

Ramon Lopez, “The Harmony of Politics: Unity and Difference in Moral Conflict” (committee member) (completed)

Stephanie Ahrens, “The American Founding and the Problem of Political Trust” (committee member) (completed)

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Ph.D. Advising (continued)

Benjamin Silver, “Constitutionalism and Publius’s Critique of Popular Government) (committee member)
(in progress)

Extracurricular Teaching

The Warrior-Scholar Project, University of Chicago: led discussion sessions on political theory texts for military veterans as part of a program to prepare them for university study (September 2015; June 2017).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Symposium Guest Editor, *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*, symposium on Shmuel Nili’s *The People’s Duty*. Summer 2019-Spring 2020.

Journal Submission Reviewer for *American Political Science Review* (x7); *Journal of Political Philosophy*; *Political Theory*; *Journal of Moral Philosophy*; *American Journal of Political Science* (x4); *The Journal of Politics* (x5); *Perspectives on Politics* (x2); *European Journal of Political Theory*; *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy* (x2); *Politics, Philosophy & Economics* (x2); *Philosophical Studies*; *Theoria*; *Philosophical Quarterly*; *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*; *Journal of Ethics*; *Journal of Social Philosophy*; *Law and Philosophy* (x2); *Economics and Philosophy*; *Contemporary Political Theory*; *Res Publica* (x3); *Acta Politica*; *Ethics, Politics, & Society*; *Journal of the American Philosophical Association*.